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1. HADJ MOKHTAR LOUHIBI, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ALGERIAN CEREALS OFFICE (OAIC) WILL BE VISITING WASHINGTON, CHICAGO, MINNEAPOLIS AND AMARILLO DURING WEEK OF APRIL 6, 1975. HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY HOCINE DELMI BOURAS, CHIEF FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF OAIC AND ABDELBAKI KOHIL.

2. PURPOSE OF TRIP IS TO FOLLOW-UP ON VISIT OF ESSEMIANI, REFTEL. EMBASSY CONTINUES TO BELIEVE LOUHIBI WILL BE TRYING TO NEGOTIATE LONG-TERM CONTRACTS FOR DURUM AND OTHER GRAINS.

3. ALGERIAN CEREAL CROP WILL BE SPARSE THIS YEAR - MAYBE AS LOW AS 500,000 TONS. ALGERIAN FLOUR PRODUCTION CAPACITY, S.N. SEMPEC, IS 3.1 MILLION TONS AND THEY ARE SEEKING TO BUY MORE FLOUR FROM CANADIANS. THIS WOULD INDICATE ALGERIAN
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CEREAL CONSUMPTION IS HIGHER THAN PREVIOUSLY ESTIMATED

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AND ACCORDINGLY TONNAGE WHICH MUST BE IMPORTED IS
HIGHER.

4. CANADIAN EMBOFF SAYS THEIR LAST YEAR DURUM CROP
ESSENTIALLY SOLD OUT AND NEW CROP MOSTLY SOLD UNLESS
HARVEST IS ABOVE NORMAL. MOROCCANS HAVE
ALREADY BOUGHT FROM CANADIANS, BUT ALGERIANS HAVE NOT
ACCEPTED CANADIAN PRICE AND SO HAVE NOT BOUGHT ANY
CANADIAN DURUM SO FAR THIS YEAR.PARKER

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